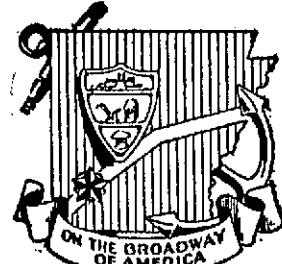




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The Weather

ARKANSAS — Cold wave Monday night and hard freeze in the north and central portion. Freeze in the extreme south portion.

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Singapore — an American Defeat

Control of Pacific Is Lost

It will bear repetition to once more remind Americans that while the property was British, and Britishers were its tragic defenders, now all unhappily killed or captured, the true burden of Singapore rested upon the United States; and therefore the final surrender of this great sea base to the Japanese yesterday goes down in the book as an appalling American defeat. For we have definitely lost control of the Pacific.

Japs Celebrate Fall of Great Singapore Base

British Told Only That Far East Citadel Lost to Enemy

TOKYO—(AP)—Japan celebrated the conquest of Singapore Monday, a tremendous achievement giving her the key to India and Australia and possible control over the vital supply route to embattled China.

Even an official warning that the war still was far from won and that great sacrifices and struggles lie ahead, failed to hamper rejoicing over the blow to the British and Allied strategy.

The official announcement of the Citadel over which the British flag had waved for 123 years, said surrender was complete and unconditional.

Domei, Japanese news agency, said the British forces comprised 80,000 men.

"These included campaigning forces, fortress guards and volunteers, made up of 15,000 of the British metropolitan forces, 13,000 Australians and the remainder Indian forces."

There are a million inhabitants in Singapore including 100,000 British, the report said.

It was announced that 1,000 members of the British garrison would serve as auxiliary police forces to maintain order until the Japanese troops, who entered the city at 8 a. m. Monday, could complete occupation. The remainder were said to have laid down their arms at 10 o'clock Sunday night and would be taken to prison camps as soon as possible.

The importance of Singapore and the effect of its fall on the future course of the war in the Pacific was emphasized by Colonel Hideo Ohira, chief of the army press section, in a broadcast.

"Passing of the British stronghold into Japanese hands," he said, "not only strikes a blow to Allies but impedes communications between territories in the Indian and Pacific oceans. Japan is in a position to control the fate of India and Australia."

Premier Tojo told the Diet that the fall of Singapore marked the occupation by Japanese forces of all bases of the U. S. and British, used allegedly for encroachment on east Asia. He reiterated Japan's Far East plan.

Britain Told Little LONDON—(AP)—Britain still heard from its leaders Monday only the bald facts so comberly told them Sunday by Prime Minister Churchill that "Singapore has fallen" but unofficial information indicated its defenders surrendered only after they suffered heavy losses and shortage of water, gasoline and food.

Last official message from Singapore's commander Lt. Gen. A. E.

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Cranium Crackers

February Facts

In addition to the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, and February thaws, the shortest month boasts other notable events. Stoke your intellectual fires with these questions.

1. On Feb. 3, 1917, President Wilson sent a note to the German embassy which was a prelude to a war declaration. What was the note?

2. Who published on Feb. 5, 1862, what song containing the phrase "the grapes of wrath," a composition which became a marching-religious song?

3. The only American to win the Nobel Prize for literature was born Feb. 7, 1885, in Sauk Center, Minn. Name him and two of his novels.

4. The man indirectly responsible for the Great White Way, jukeboxes and horse operas was born at Milan, O., Feb. 11, 1847. Who was he?

5. Free Soil Democrats, Whigs and political independents met at Ripon, Wis., Feb. 28, 1854, to form what political party?

Answers on Comic Page

Japanese Renew Drive, Capture Rich Oil Center

Allied Bombers Blast 7 Enemy Ships as Japs Land on Sumatra

BATAVIA—(AP)—Savagely battered Japanese troops captured Palembang, rich oil center of southern Sumatra Monday, but allied planes inflicted great devastation on thousands of invaders who swept aside strong Dutch resistance.

Two Japanese cruisers and five transports were blasted by direct hits by American and Dutch and British planes, striking in the Bangka Strait. One cruiser was set afire.

The Japanese, following a parachute invasion, continued to land in force Monday.

Bombers and fighters of the United Nations took strong action against the Japanese ships on the Musi river where a breaching was established Sunday.

Anticipating the invasion on the 1,000 mile long island the Dutch applied the torch Sunday to the vast oil fields and installations which supply half of the East Indies oil.

Oil Facilities Destroyed Black smoke from flaming tanks, refineries and docks hung over the battle areas. The damage was said to be the greatest inflicted by man on his own property and probably exceeded 100 million dollars and represented the overnight destruction of decades of patient building by natives.

The main forces of seaborne Japanese invaders seemed directed from the great island of Borneo which lies to the northeast.

The Borneo rim has been occupied almost completely by the Japanese. It appeared possible that some troops might have been released from the battle at Singapore which fell to the Japanese Sunday.

Japanese planes far to the east bombed small places in New Guinea for an hour, killing four and wounding five others. Government buildings and houses suffered heavy damage. Other enemy planes fanned out on reconnaissance and light bombardments of other sectors.

The fighting continued unabated in the southern Celebes island to the east of Borneo.

In the nearer Celebes Peninsula on which Macassar was destroyed a Japanese unit was ambushed and lost two officers and from 30 to 40 men. The Dutch suffered no casualties.

Point Toward Java The seizure of Palembang pointed another grave threat at Java—rich island in the 3,200 mile Archipelago and seat of the United Nations' command. Palembang is but 260 miles from Batavia and only 20 miles of water—the strait of Sunda—separates Sumatra from Java.

Its occupation likewise imperiled forces in central and northern Sumatra which is believed to be fairly well garrisoned.

The object of the Japanese was the rich oil fields and prompt destruction by the Dutch held the enemy for six months at least for fuel needed to feed its fleet and planes. The area also supplied the United Nations with much of their oil.

Allied planes gave all possible support to the Dutch land forces, the high command said, adding that transports and barges used in landings on the marshy waterfront and mangrove swamps were under continuous bombardment.

That does not mean that we should meet the peace without a thought of what is to be done then. Unpreparedness at that point might result in a "Pearl Harbor of the Peace" that would be no less disastrous than lack of readiness proved at Pearl Harbor itself.

It happens that many minds are at work on this phase of preparedness. Five detailed studies have been made of the prospects, and to a remarkable extent they all agree on the general

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SPG Head to Speak to Hope Kiwanis

Lt. Colonel Keith F. Adamson, commanding officer of the Southwestern Proving Ground, will address the Hope Kiwanis club in their noon-day luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Hotel Hery at 12:15 Dr. H. T. Shall will introduce Col. Adamson.

Senator James Pilkinton has been appointed by J. E. Hamill, club president, as chairman of Kiwanis' speakers' bureau to furnish information on war conditions to public meetings. Senator Pilkinton will announce members of his committee at the Tuesday meeting.

Col. Adamson Asks Hearing on Underpass

Text of His Letter to U. S. Engineers Released by Hope C. of C.

Hope Chamber of Commerce has just received a carbon copy of a letter written by Lt.-Col. Keith F. Adamson, commanding officer of the Southwestern Proving Ground, to Lt.-Col. Thos. F. Kern, U. S. Engineer, requesting a meeting of U. S. and state highway engineers to consider Col. Adamson's request for the construction of a grade crossing of the Missouri-Pacific tracks in Hope.

Col. Adamson's letter follows: "Lt. Col. Thomas F. Kern, Corps of Engineers, United States Engineering Office, Gay Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

"My dear Colonel Kern: "It is my understanding that the need for an underpass for the tracks of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Hope, Arkansas, which would permit traffic moving from the City of Hope to the Southwestern Proving Ground should be initiated by me as Commanding Officer and I, therefore request that a hearing be called by your office for the purpose of justifying and developing the subject at the hearing. I, with representative citizens of Hope, will be only too glad to present the reasons.

"This Proving Ground is located on State Highway No. 29 and this road is in reality the only important and hard surfaced road which leads to the establishment and the only gate in the fence system which will be kept open and under guard is the one into which Route No. 29 leads. The Southwestern Proving Ground will test ammunition of all forms except small arms, but including bombs and components thereof for the loading plants in the following states: Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and possibly a portion of Tennessee. The shipments to the Proving Ground will generally be made by truck because most samples will be of small bulk and weight and because of the necessity for speed in testing normal rail facilities will not be applicable nor satisfactory and express facilities would be prohibitive in most cases because of the Interstate Commerce Commission rules and regulations on the handling of explosives on passenger trains.

"All such shipments will have to pass through the City of Hope and cross either on a grade crossing or on an underpass twelve or more sets of tracks in the immediate vicinity of the Hope Railroad Station. It is not believed that such a hazard can be justified.

"The staff of this post will consist of approximately 1,000 civilian employees plus some thirty or more officers and possibly small numbers of enlisted personnel. While the Officers and the enlisted personnel will generally be quartered on the post practically all civilians will either live in the City of Hope or will have to pass through it in order that they can reach the Proving Ground and unfortunately this traffic will be concentrated at about 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Three fatal accidents resulting in the death of four individuals have taken place at this crossing during the past six months and because of the handling of the freight it is practically impossible to avoid.

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Oil and Gas Filings

Hempstead County
Feb. 16, 1942
Prepared by Jewelle Bartlett

Deed, dated 2-14-42, filed 2-16-42, Ethel M. Bonis to E. P. Young, Lots 9 & 10, Block 1, Hillcrest Addl, Hope, Arkansas.

Assignment of O. & G. Lease, dated 2-14-42, filed 2-16-42, 160 acres, Don C. Matthews to Sunray Oil Company, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, Twp. 14 S., Rge. 26 W.

O. & G. Lease, dated 2-11-42, filed 2-16-42, Edna W. Linaker, et vir to Roy M. Mays, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3, all in Twp. 13 S., Rge. 23 W., 202 acres, 10 years.

O. & G. Lease, dated 2-10-42, filed 2-16-42, 160 acres, 10 years, W. F. Arnett et ux to Pure Oil Company, E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 2, Twp. 11 S., Rge. 22 W., 12 S., Rge. 23 W.

Quitclaim Deed, dated 11-24-41, filed 2-16-42, 32.50 acres, Lillian Routon to H. A. Smith, Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, Twp. 11 S., Rge. 24 W.

Quitclaim Deed, dated 9-4-41, filed 2-14-42, 7.33 acres, E. S. Monroe to King Witherspoon, Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2, Twp. 11 S., Rge. 25 W.

Warranty Deed, dated 11-20-41, filed 2-14-42, 4 acres, Pearl C. Stewart to W. C. Anderson, et ux Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36, Twp. 13 S., Rge. 25 W.

Corporation Deed, dated 2-3-42, fil-

ed 2-16-42, Midland Federal Savings & Loan Association to C. A. Robertson, et ux, Lot 7, Block "B", Curragan Addition, Hope, Arkansas.

Warranty Deed, dated 2-4-42, filed 2-16-42, J. R. Williams, et ux to B. D. Brown, et ux Lots 12, 14, Block 6, Cornelius Heights Addition, Hope, Ark.

Warranty Deed, dated 2-14-42, filed 2-14-42, Howard Collier, et ux to Riley Lewallen, W. Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, Twp. 13 S., Rge. 24 W.; SW Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, Twp. 12 S., Rge. 24 W., 63 acres.

Warranty Deed, dated 2-14-42, filed 2-14-42, Riley Lewallen, et ux to Howard Collier, et ux W. Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, Twp. 13 S., Rge. 24 W.; SW Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, Twp. 12 S., Rge. 24 W., 63 acres.

Warranty Deed, Oil, Gas & Mineral Royalty, dated 4-26-41, filed 2-14-42, T. J. Dillard, et ux to T. J. Caldwell, et al. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, Twp. 12 S., Rge. 27 W., 120 acres Undivided 1/2 int.

Quitclaim Deed, dated 1-7-42, filed 2-16-42, 40 acres, F. Y. Trimble, et al to Annie E. Allen, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, Twp. 12 S., Rge. 25 W.

Warranty Deed, dated 2-14-42, filed 2-16-42, Annie E. Allen to U. S. A. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, Twp. 12 S., Rge. 25 W.

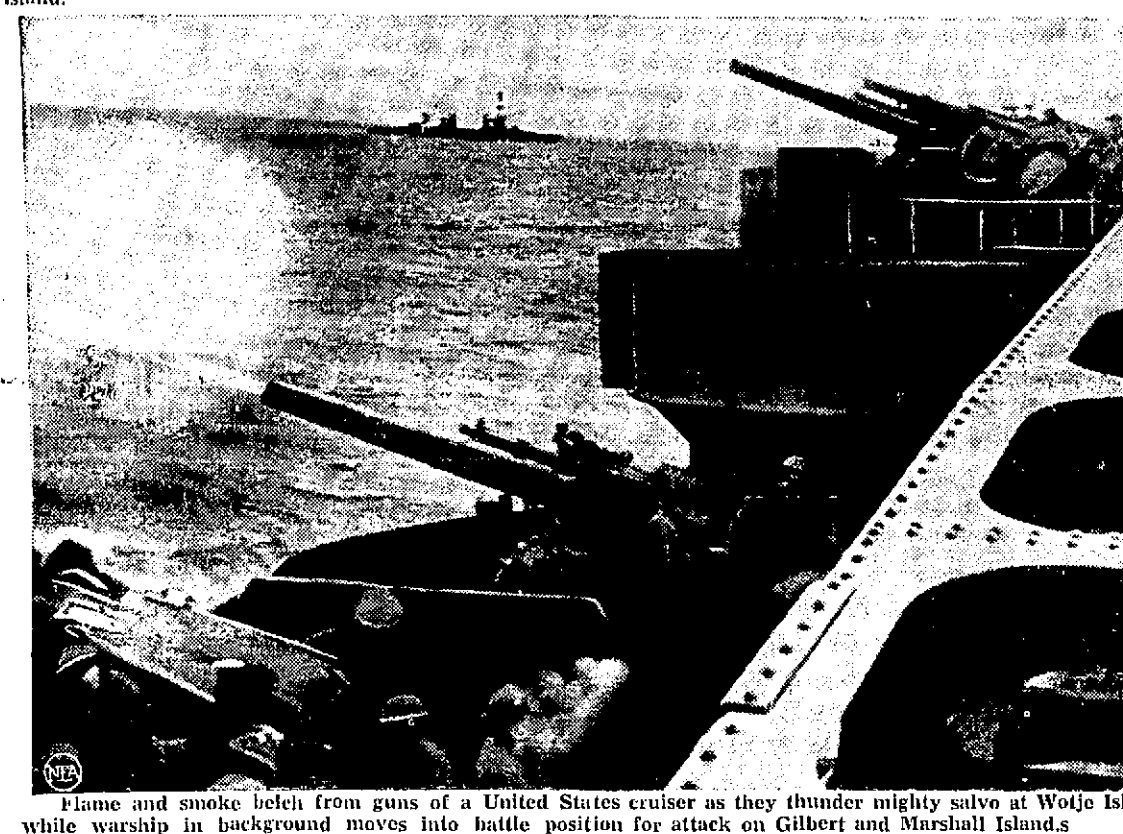
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First Pictures of U. S. Attack Upon Japs at Gilbert and Marshall Isles

—NEA Telephoto from Pathe Newscast



Smoke rises high in the sky above Wotje Atoll following U. S. Navy's surprise attack on Marshall and Gilbert Islands. This picture, first to reach the United States, was taken from a cruiser that shelled the island.



Flame and smoke belch from guns of a United States cruiser as they thunder mightily salvo at Wotje Island while warship in background moves into battle position for attack on Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

Scout Leaders Training Class

Begins 7:30 p. m.; Every Monday Night for 8 Weeks

At Hope High School gymnasium 7:30 o'clock this Monday night, the Boy Scout leaders will begin a training course, which will be each Monday night for eight weeks. The training course this time has been given to the actual training of Boy Scout leaders. Heretofore, the training courses in Hope have been for a general picture of scouting and designed to arouse enthusiasm. But with everybody attuned to the war effort, the course this time will be for intensive development of Boy Scout leaders.

This is in line with the Boy Scout program of being prepared for any and every emergency.

The Boy Scouts of America realize that every American wants to do his part, and this training course is designed as an answer to that feeling.

The Boy Scout work in Hope needs more leaders, and this training school opening Monday night gives every person attending an opportunity to master the principles of leadership necessary in the Boy Scout work.

The program will be varied by the lectures, games and manual features so that every person attending will get a well-rounded idea of scouting.

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Sen. Chandler to Be State Guest

Arkansas Now Raising Her Share of Democratic Debt

Kentucky's colorful Democrat, young, ambitious Senator A. B. "Happy" Chandler, has accepted the invitation of the Democratic National

Committee in Arkansas to attend the Washington Dinner to be held in Little Rock on Monday night, February 23, and to deliver an address before party leaders at a dinner which will climax this year's drive for funds throughout Arkansas in support of the Democratic party.

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Little Action on Libya Front

British Believe Hitler Ready for Middle East Drive

By the Associated Press

Pending the next phase in the battle of Africa—which may be Adolf Hitler's surprise—fighting in the Mediterranean zone was marked by reports of patrol clashes in Libya, fierce air action and an Axis assault on a British convoy.

Rome announced that Axis air and sea forces sunk a British destroyer, a patrol boat and seven merchantmen in a 3-day attack on a convoy.

The Italians admitted that one of their submarines was missing in that battle and that British bombers hit Augusta, Siracuse and Florida, Axis airmen continued to hammer Malta.

The Germans said 15 British planes were shot down over Valta and Northern Africa.

In land action the British announced patrol contacts with Axis forces over a wide front in Libya from the coastal area west of Ain el Gzala to about 40 miles southward. It was indicated the Axis may be preparing for a drive against Tobruk or to out-flank it again in the thrust eastward.

In Europe the Russian offensive continued unabated and British bombers overnight blasted at docks in St. Lnzair seeking out light warships which helped the German battleships which escaped from Brest through the Dover Straits.

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Roy Anderson Taken Home From Hospital

Roy Anderson, president of Hope Chamber of Commerce and well known local insurance man, returned to his South Main street home Sunday after several days' treatment in Julia Chester hospital for an aggravated case of lumbago. He was visited over the week-end by his brother, Mack Anderson of Little Rock.

4 Tankers Hit, Oil Refineries Are Attacked

Aruba Island, Guarded by U. S. Forces, Is 700 Miles From Panama

WILLEMSTAD CURACAO, Dutch West Indies—(AP)—In the first land attack of the war on the Western Hemisphere an enemy submarine shelled oil installations Monday on the U. S.-Garrisoned Island of Aruba, about 700 miles from the Panama Canal and torpedoed three tankers off its coast.

A fourth tanker was damaged near the Aruba harbor, 75 miles to the east, but did not sink, Anet, Dutch news agency reported.

Both Island, sites of the largest and second largest oil refineries in the world, are guarded by American troops cooperating with the Dutch.

Anet, said only slight damage was done to the refinery of the Standard Oil Company, target of the submarine shells. Aruba at there were no casualties on the island.

The number of casualties among the tanker's crew was not immediately learned.

Road Group to Meet at 8 p. m.

To Discuss Raising of \$1,500 for Oil Field Road

There will be a meeting of the committee to raise \$1,500 for the Palmos road at the Chamber of Commerce office at 8 o'clock this Monday night.

Chairman John P. Cox asks every member of the committee to be present. They are: R. C. Ellen, R. L. Gosnell, Herbert Burns, A. E. Stonequist, Vincent Foster, C. V. Nunn, and Garland Darwin.

City Election on Tuesday

Only One Alderman Race Listed on Docket

Voters of Hope will go to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballots in only one contested race, the aldermanic post of Ward 3 in which Ross Spears, incumbent, is opposed by Edwin H. Stewart.

All other candidates are without opposition. They include, City Attorney, E. F. Nozackin; Clerk, T. R. Billingsley; Alderman, Ward 1, E. W. White; Ward 2, Jessie Brown; Ward 4, Dale Jones.

Voting places will be: Ward 1—Tom Kinser's Cotton Office. Ward 2—Courthouse. Ward 3—556 Service Station. Ward 4—Hope City Hall.

No Feeling Because they are formed of the outer skin, which has no feeling, the nails, claws, hoofs and horns of animals have no feeling.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Federal Works Agency announced Monday it had authorized construction of 8,945 homes for war workers in ten defense areas, in accordance with findings of housing needs previously announced by President Roosevelt. Rufe B. Newman, Jr., special assistant to administrator in charge of construction, was assigned responsibility of erecting 200 demountable units at Hope, Ark.

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By the Associated Press
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Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor

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Social Calendar

Monday, February 16th
A covered dish luncheon will be served by the Women's Missionary Union at the church at noon Monday. Home mission study on the book "Fellow Helps to the Truth" will be conducted by Mrs. E. P. J. Garrett of Prescott, 10 o'clock.

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KINGS ROW

By HENRY BELLAMANN

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THE STORY: Schoolmates in small town Kings Row are orphaned. Parris, Mitchell, 12, who adores his French grandmother, and Drake, 10, who is the daughter of an Elia estate over-see "all boys" Drake (Mifflugh) (Lambert) Monaghan, beautiful Canadian boy, whose father is a doctor, and who is a very successful athlete. Dr. Taylor, a doctor at social with Mrs. Gordon, takes Drake out of school. Drake's character is lawyer Skelton, editor John Jackson. Social stratification in Kings Row is sharp.

PARRIS GROWING UP

CHAPTER V
THEY came to the end of the line of cars. Drake walked backward and squinted along the rails. "Hello, Drake! Hello, Parris!"

It was Randy Monaghan hanging over the tall fence at the top of the embankment.

Drake spoke quickly. "We're going down to Elroy's icehouse."

"What for?"

"Nothin' much. Swing on the rings maybe."

"It's cool down there."

"Why don't you come, too?"

Randy was evidently waiting for the invitation.

They opened a heavy door and jumped down on a great pile of sawdust. The air was damp and cool. It was dark, too, after the glare.

"Gee, most of the ice is gone. See how low it's getting?" Drake seized the two rings and swung far out from the tall heap. He let go and landed on his feet, half burying himself in the loose dry sawdust.

Randy struggled up to the rings which swung from the rafters. "Can you skin the cat?"

"Sure!" Drake scoffed. "But I bet you can't."

She executed the feat, her stout legs cutting her hold neatly, and landed upright.

"Pretty good."

"I can do the double roll on the parallel bars, too."

"Doggone," Drake exclaimed. "Where'd you learn to do it?"

"Jake Elroy showed me. He can do a lot of things. Come on, Parris, you try."

With her encouragement and advice Parris made rapid progress, but the double roll was beyond him.

They retraced their way along the railroad track. Randy walked along the rail, balancing herself from time to time by a touch on Parris' shoulder. He felt quite happy when she did this and stayed carefully in easy reach.

Randy ran up the embankment. "I'm comin' down this way again sometimes," Drake said.

"All right," she answered care-

lessly. "It's a free country, I guess."

Parris felt strangely happy. He felt that he was a closer friend of Drake's than he had ever been before. It would be exciting to see him often. And Randy, too. He had never imagined she would be so amusing. He thought of Renee with a sudden stab of contrition. He hadn't thought of her all day, and she was certainly his best friend.

THE whole of Kings Row lay on a gentle slope that lifted gradually from the creek on the south to the straggle of Negro quarters that edged the northern boundary of the town with a disreputable fringe of shacks and haphazard lanes. On the northwest the land dropped suddenly down a steep incline. There, at the foot of the hill, was a stretch of level ground perhaps a quarter of a mile square which was the site of Jinktown.

Benny Singer and his mother lived in the smallest of the Jinktown cottages—two rooms, one of them hardly more than a lean-to.

Benny was a big, gangling boy of 16, good-natured and, in his awkward fashion, kind. Benny was a halfwit, but his mother was thankful that he was obedient and affectionate.

Benny walked with a slight roll as though his head were too heavy for his body. He was not exactly comfortable in his mind. He was trying to remember something.

All at once he slowed his walk. He remembered now what it was he was trying to think about. He stopped and looked back toward home. Almost he wished he didn't have to go to school. He hadn't been promoted last year and he'd have to stay in the same class with the very young kids.

When he came in sight of the playground he forgot all about it. Lots and lots of the kids were there already. He hurried. He paused on top of the stile and looked at the boys running about.

They caught sight of him. Fulmer Green shouted, "Look! There's Benny. C'mon, O' crazy Ben!"

He winked, screwing his mouth to one side so that his teeth showed all the way back. "C'mon!"

A crowd gathered around the stile. Their grins were derisive, but Benny did not know that. Their eyes were eager for some chance to make fun of him—waiting for him to say something silly, but he did not know it.

He stepped down from the stile. "Hello, everybody," he said happily.

THE next two years were not exactly pleasant ones for Parris. School itself was less inter-

esting. He had a new teacher, Miss Martha Calk. None of the children liked her.

Parris was not unaware of the changes in himself or unobservant of the changes in others. But almost without noticing it he and his friends began to think of themselves as an older crowd. The children in Miss Venable's room seemed very young. Drake, who was nearly 16, kept his friendship with Parris, who found the association flattering.

On his 14th birthday Parris had his usual birthday supper with a cake and candles. Renee was his only guest. Renee gave him three handkerchiefs with crooked initials worked in the corners. She had made them herself.

After supper Anna, the stout German maid, gave him 14 playful spanks—one for each year—and another to grow on.

"It's after eight, Parris," Madame reminded him. "You'd better walk down to Renee's house with her. It's moonlight. You're not afraid to come back by yourself, are you?"

He flushed. His grandmother didn't seem to realize he was 14 and would have to shave next year. "Of course not," he answered impatiently.

As they went down the terrace steps Renee took his hand.

"I guess I ought to give you 14 licks, too, like Anna did."

He laughed, but the laugh died quickly and his throat tightened. He swallowed. "I'd rather you'd kiss me," he said.

"All right," she said readily. "I'll kiss you 14 times." She placed her hands on his shoulders and kissed him on the mouth, counting each time. "12 . . . 13 . . . 14 . . . and a big one to grow on."

He returned the embrace awkwardly and they stood for a moment a little breathless. The moon shone full on her face.

"That's the best birthday present I ever had," he said. The gallantry of his speech surprised him, but he was pleased to have said it. "I—I love you, Renee."

"I'd like to be your girl. I guess you're my sweetheart, too."

"Let's be sweethearts forever, Renee, you and me."

"All right."

"Cross your heart?" he demanded.

"And hope to die," she replied.

"Good night, Renee."

"Well, see you tomorrow, Parris."

"Good night, then."

"Good night," Her voice trailed the words softly.

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Hart Removed on Dutch Plea

Army-Navy Journal Gives New Light on Removal

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Removal of Admiral Thomas C. Hart as Allied naval commander in the southwest Pacific was ascribed over the weekend by the unofficial Army and Navy Journal to a desire to "mollify the Dutch government."

The Netherlands Indies government, said the service periodical which circulates among army, navy and air officers, "has insisted that it is entitled to representation on the staff of General Wavell" in general command of the defense of this fighting front.

Vice Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich, 55, veteran of The Netherlands' naval service, succeeded Hart. The United States Navy Department, in announcing the change, said Hart had requested to be relieved "because of ill health."

The Journal said:

"Those who know Admiral Hart, his staunch courage, his inflexible will, his wiry physique are convinced that only orders from Washington or death would have induced him to leave his command. We are assured that upon return to Washington, a new assignment will be given to the admiral which will be a recognition of the gallant and effective service he has performed."

The Journal advanced the suggestion also that the president and congress join in authorizing Hart to retain the grade of full admiral and also that "a grateful country should give him a rousing welcome."

The truck, owned by J. S. Conway, Sr., was stolen Friday, February 13 and recovered a short time later by officer Mosier, accompanied by City Fireman Clyde Sexton.

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J. P. Brundidge Is Building New Home

J. P. Brundidge, well known Hope property owner and former cotton operator, who built the Seenger theater and other structures, has moved back to Hope from his summer place on Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs. Mr. Brundidge is building a home on Bonner street, John Booth being the contractor. Until the house is finished Mr. Brundidge is living at Hotel Barlow.

Arrested for Stealing Auto

Ex-Convict Caught by City Police for Truck Theft

Century Adams, ex-convict of Mineral Springs, was arrested over the week-end by city policemen for the theft of a truck, it was announced Monday.

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Safety Meeting Called Friday

Six Plants' Workers to See Pictures at City Hall

There will be a safety meeting of all the workers in the six plants participating in the Industrial Safety Council at the city auditorium Friday night, February 20, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Safety pictures will be shown and a talk on safety will be made by R. L. Campbell, safety engineer, for the T. H. Mastin Company of Memphis.

The pictures will be shown through the kindness of E. D. Barbour, resident engineer of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Little Rock.

At the close of the program, the Safety Flag will be presented by Ched Hall, chairman of the safety committee of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Temple Cotton Oil Company for the best safety record for the past three months, ending February 1, 1942. They have operated 35,087 man-hours without an accident, causing a loss of time.

While this program is primarily for industrial workers, the general public is invited to attend. The entire balcony will be reserved for negroes.

Canadian Whaling Plants

Canada has only two whaling plants, both in the province of British Columbia. They took 219 whales in the four-month season of 1940, compared to 310 in 1938.

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Modern laundry owners of the United States are affiliated together in an organization known as the American Institute of Laundering, the purpose of which is to develop better laundry practices. They maintain a million dollar plant in Joliet, Ill., in which washing supplies, formulas and methods are tested and improved and textiles and fabrics are tested for wear and launderability.

Cook's White Star Laundry and Cleaners is a member of this organization and, as such, has access to their findings with the result that this firm's methods represent the last word in laundry practice. During the period in which clothing is being washed at Cook's Laundry, for example, the water in each tub is changed from 6 to 10 times so that your clothing is always in fresh, pure, distilled, soft water.

Another thing not generally known is that all clothing sent to Cook's Laundry is thoroughly sterilized. This means that all clothing is immersed in boiling water—212 degrees Fahrenheit—for at least 30 minutes. The Board of Health of New York City, as well as those of other cities, have repeatedly stated that power or steam laundries were of immeasurable value in helping to prevent the spread of contagious diseases because of this fact. In fact, the American Medical Association went on record at its National Convention in Kansas City two years ago with the statement that "the bacteria count in water in which clothing has been laundered by steam laundries is lower, by a large margin, than that of water which has been used in home laundries or other methods."

Cook's White Star Laundry and Cleaners' rates on family bundles are appealing to those who demand economy as well as high quality work and they have a number of popular and useful services. Call them at 148 for further information regarding the prices and services they make available and remember, if you want high quality laundry and dry cleaning service, only the well equipped and expertly informed laundry and dry cleaning plant can supply it.

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Personal Mention

The following young people of the First Christian church attended a Young People's Conference at Mena Saturday: Dorothy Moore, Wanda Bagley, and Dorothy Ruth Dadds. Accompanying the Hope delegates was the Rev. Millard Baggett, pastor of the First Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bowden, 703 South Pine street, announce the arrival of a little daughter at the Julia Chester hospital February 12. She has been named Nancy Jane Bowden.

Among the college students home for the week-end were Miss Nell Louise Broyles of Henderson State Teachers college, Arkadelphia, Miss Nancy Hill of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Miss Nancy Robbins, who is a freshman at Arkansas State Teachers' college, Conway.

Dr. and Mrs. Comer Routon of Ashdown and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Routon and daughter of Little Rock were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Routon.

Mrs. H. F. J. Garrett has returned from Okolona, where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyett of Little Rock spent the week-end in the city.

Louis Simons left this week-end for Austin, Texas after spending the past several

